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BRNA CONVENTION

For the first time in many years the Blue Ridge Numismatic Association held its annual convention in North Carolina. The show was held at the Charlotte Civic Center from the thirteenth through the fifteenth of December and drew sixty dealers from at least ten states. The facilities were roomy, comfortable and well lit. They had the added advantage that they could be reached from the Radisson Plaza Hotel without going outside into the weather. They had the disadvantage that the annual Shrine Parade wrapped itself around the Center for most of Saturday morning.

The educational program consisted of talks by Charles Hoskins on Counterfeit Detection, John Pittman on the History of Coinage in North Carolina, Denny Kurir on the Lore of Paper Money, and by J. T. Stanton on Double Die Coins. There were two Directors and one past president of the ANA on the floor. Will Jordan, Hugh Culpepper and their committees are to be congratulated on bringing an outstanding show to the state.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BE PREPARED! The Boy Scout motto applies to numismatics as well as to so many things. Plan ahead, NOW, for the NCNA Convention to be held in Charlotte in October. One of the things that need to be done ahead is to make nominations for several awards that NCNA makes each year to recognize service to numismatics.

Along with a nice trophy the Bason Literary Award carries a \$50 savings bond. You can make yourself eligible by writing an article for the NCNA JOURNAL. And you can help recognize those that do by nominating your favorite for this award.

The Jimmy Jackson award for the outstanding junior numismatist in North Carolina is one way to encourage activity by our younger members. I challenge clubs to nominate one junior numismatist for this award. All of these nominees will be our guests at the awards breakfast on Sunday morning at the NCNA Convention in Charlotte in October. There is still plenty of time to prepare a budding collector for this experience this year.

Let's hear from all you enthusiastic collectors out there this year.

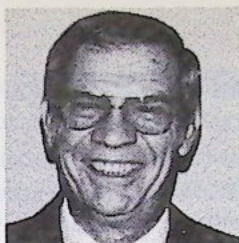
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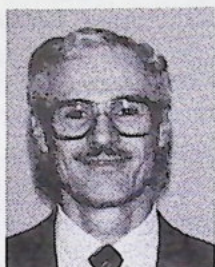
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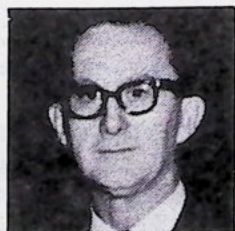
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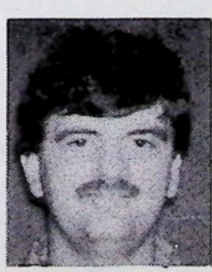
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THE HISTORY OF THE LIBERTY CAP

The liberty cap, long a symbol used on coins, is known in latin as pileus, pilleus, or pilleum. It is shown as a peaked head-dress with little or no brim, and most always with a slight droop at the top. The origin can be traced to the Phrygians who flourished from 800 to 560 BC in the Asia minor area. Because the neighboring Mysians also wore them, it is sometimes called the Mysian cap. At first this article of clothing had no significance except to keep the head warm in the extreme cold. However, among the Greeks and Romans it was symbolic of freedom, and the placing of it on the head of a slave was part of the ritual attending his manumission.

The slaves held by the Romans were not permitted to grow their hair long or to cover their heads with a hat or cap. These steps were probably for sanitary purposes more than to make the slave more conspicuous.

Saturn, an ancient Roman diety believed to preside over the late sowing of seed, had a temple built in 497 BC and the Saturnalia was one of the many annual festivals of a religious nature celebrated by the Romans. It began on the 17th day of December and during the ceremonies, public officials, knights and the populus witnessed the sacrifices and offerings with uncovered heads. Seven days of unrestrained merriment followed, at which time people wearing Phrygian caps, roamed through the city. Sometime during the festival one of the rituals was the placing of the caps on the heads of liberated slaves. This was done in the temple of Feronia, who was the goddess of freedom. When a slave got his freedom his head was shaved and an undyed pileus was placed on it.

After the assassination of Julius Caesar, the 15th of March, 44 BC, the figure of liberty is shown carrying a sword and wearing a Phrygian cap. One would have to suppose that this was a warning to future rulers, as Caesar had been stabbed to death, and following the murder the assassins had carried through the streets of Rome a liberty cap on the end of a pole or spear. Upon orders from Brutus and Cassius, coins were struck showing a liberty cap between two daggers. The "cap" is also shown on various coins struck during the reign of Verus in the year 161 A.D. to celebrate the victorious entrance of the Roman forces into Armenia, a state located between the Roman empire and the Parthians, and alternately occupied by one or the other.

Centuries passed, and the "cap" may have remained dormant but not forgotten. It was adopted by the Dutch during the forty-year war which ended in the overthrowing of the Spanish yoke (1576-1648). It was again brought to light by the Jacobins, the powerful political organization of

the French revolution. On June 20, 1792, Louis XVI, compelled by a furious mob, took off his stately crown and replaced it with the red cap of the revolutionists. In August of the same year it was officially adopted as the badge of a patriot, and was finally accepted as a symbol of liberty during the first French republic.

On the coinage of several countries, among them the United States of America, this emblem has appeared on the head of the goddess of liberty or on a pole by her side. The last time the liberty cap was used on a U.S. coin, was a pattern 3-cent piece struck in 1850.

Mexico, a great admirer of France and its institutions, has had the "cap" on its coinage from the inception of its republic in 1823 to 1870, this symbol appears on the end of a wand supported by a hand over a book of laws. From 1905 up to and including 1935 nearly all the coins of Mexico carry the liberty cap, but since then effigies of patriots have taken their place for most part.



ABOUT OUR COVER

Although the liberty cap appeared on a number of early United States coin designs, the most widespread was the Seated Liberty shown on our front cover. This design by Christian Gobrecht was used with minor modifications on six different denominations (more than any other design) between 1836 and 1891. Can you identify the particular coin used for this photo.

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ANA BOURSE RULES

by Paul Greene and Bob Harmon

In February of 1987, the numismatists of the Carolinas will be given a special treat when the American Numismatic Association brings its annual Mid-Winter Convention to Charlotte. There will be major dealers from all over the country with tables, but it will also be important for the North and South Carolina dealers to participate.

Obtaining a table at an ANA show is a feat in itself. There is a strict set of criteria that must be met in order to rate the applicants. Points are awarded to the applicant for the following activities that support the ANA.

- _____ Contract advertiser in THE NUMISMATIST.
- _____ Contract advertiser with a half page ad or more.
- _____ Contributed to Library, Museum, or other fund in past year.*
- _____ Donated \$2000 or more in the past.*
- _____ Proposed new members to the ANA during the past year.
- _____ A Life Member or Regular Member of 25 years.
- _____ Service to ANA such as seminar instructor, ANACS consultant, or written an article for THE NUMISMATIST.

*(must have one of these two)

Tables are awarded to individuals or companies that have from seven down to three or three and a half points depending upon space availability. One bonus for the North Carolina dealers is a complimentary point for hosting the convention.

On the other side of the coin, the ANA tries to protect the prestige of its show by screening out applicants. Points are deducted for the following infractions:

- _____ Delinquent advertising account.
- _____ One or more unsettled complaints against the applicant.
- _____ Three or more legitimate complaints during the past year even though they were settled.
- _____ Violation of bourse, convention center, or hotel rules.

Once the applicant passes the requirements for a table, the next step is the actual cost of the table. Bourse space at the ANA is not inexpensive. The bourse fee at the Salt Lake City Mid-Winter this February is \$575.00. This is a considerable amount more than most dealers who do only local

shows are used to paying, but the ANA does bring a marketplace that is incomparable to any local show anywhere.

Under the present policy, the ANA allows the successful applicants five dealer badges. These can only be given to bonafide, regular employees of the applicant and members in good standing of the ANA or members of his immediate family. At this time, the applicant may list one independent dealer as an assistant as well as the dealer's employees who are also members of the ANA. The assistants must be approved in advance of the convention.

We hope that this information will answer some of the questions many of you may have concerning the ANA Mid-Winter in Charlotte. The dealers who hope to have a table really need to start working toward it now. For more information they need to write the ANA at P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901-2366.

The Convention will be an excellent opportunity for us to show the country that numismatics are alive and well in North and South Carolina. To make it a success, it will take a concerted effort from everyone involved in the hobby. It is an honor for Charlotte to be chosen as the site for the Mid-Winter, and we hope that it will be one to remember

Paul Green
Bob Harmon

NUMISMATICS ON JEOPARDY

The television quiz show Jeopardy has used several numismatic questions in recent weeks. See if you can answer either, the contestants couldn't.

1. What two current denominations of US paper money depict automobiles? (Editor's inquiry, can anyone identify the make and model of either?)

2. What two currently struck US coins show US landmarks? The question clearly predated the production of the Statue of Liberty coins. Can you add at least one more shown in the last dozen years?

COIN SHOW CALENDAR

LOCAL CHAIRMEN PLEASE NOTIFY DIRECTOR OF CONVENTIONS, TED HENDRICK, BOX 12052, RALEIGH, NC 27605 (PHONE 919-828-9450) OR THE EDITOR OF YOUR PLANS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO AVOID CONFLICTS.

JANUARY 1986

- 24-26 Cherry Hill NJ, Capital Coin Show
25-26 Carolina Coin & Stamp Shows, Quality Inn Mission Valley, Raleigh NC 27605
31- 2 Feb International Numismatic Society, Adams Mark Hotel, Philadelphia PA, Adrian Van Leeuwen, Box 11, Fulton OH 43321

FEBRUARY 1986

- 8- 9 Greensboro NC, Airport Hilton Inn, Barry Cohen, Box 10678, Greensboro NC 27404
8- 9 Low Country Coin Club, Holiday Inn, Aviation Ave., Charleston SC, Jim Hays
14-16 Charlotte Coin Club, Merchandise Mart, Charlotte NC, Don Sharpe, Box 33292, Charlotte NC 28233
14-16 Suburban Washington Coin Show, Lanham MD, Earl Blaisdell
19-23 ANA Midwinter Convention, Salt Lake City UT
22-23 Lumber River Coin Club, Nat. Guard Armory, Lumberton NC, Bob Floyd, Box 623, Fremont NC 28340
28-Mar. 2 Macon Coin Club, Macon Coliseum, Macon GA, Jerry Watson, Box 913, Macon GA 31202

MARCH 1986

- 1- 2 Cumberland County Coin Club, Sheraton Motor Inn, Fayetteville NC, Charles Kimber, 3705 Florida Avenue, Fayetteville NC 28301
7- 9 Tennessee State Numismatic Society, 21st Annual Convention, Southern Inn, I-75, Exit 1, Chattanooga TN, Ruth Armstrong, 1501 Akins Dr., Chattanooga TN 37411
15-16 Eagle Coin Club, Lexington NC, Bill Woodruff, Box 424, Lexington NC 27292
15-16 Pee Dee Coin Club, National Guard Armory, Florence SC, Box 23, Florence SC 29503
21-23 Model City Coin Club, Civic Center Auditorium, Kingsport TN
22-23 Shennandoah Valley Coin Club, Stanton VA

APRIL 1986

- 4- 6 Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association Mid-Year Convention, Raleigh NC, Paul Singleton
11-13 Azalea Festival Coin Show, Elk's Lodge, 5102 Oleander Drive, Wilmington NC, O. T. Thompson, Box 4232, Wilmington NC 28406
18-20 Myrtle Beach Coin Show, Myrtle Beach Convention Center, Myrtle Beach SC, Jerry Burr, 424 N. Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach SC
18-20 Tri Club Coin Show, Sheraton Inn, Lanham MD, Earl Blaisdell
26-27 Greensboro NC, Barry Cohen

MAY 1986

- 3- 4 Winston-Salem Coin Club, Sprague Street Recreation Center,
Winston-Salem, Lonnie Stuart, 1940 Dacian St., Winston-Salem
NC 27107
3- 4 Vienna VA, NVCC, Earl Blaisdell

JUNE 1986

- 7- 8 Raleigh Coin Club, Quality Inn Mission Valley, Raleigh NC, Halbert
Carmichael, Box 5625, Raleigh NC 27650
13-15 Carolina Coin & Stamp Shows, Merchandise Mart, Charlotte NC,
Ted Hendrick
20-22 International Paper Money Show, Memphis TN, Mike Crabb, Box
17871, Memphis TN 38187-0871

JULY 1986

- 11-13 Metropolitan Washington Numismatic Association, Sheraton Inn,
Lanham MD, Earl Blaisdell
18-20 Alabama Numismatic Society, Birmingham AL, Purnie Moore,
Box 3601, Birmingham AL
19-20 Greensboro NC, Barry Cohen
25-27 B R N A Convention, Chattanooga TN, Ruth Armstrong
26-27 NVCC, Vienna VA

AUGUST 1986

- 5-10 ANA Convention, Milwaukee WI

SEPTEMBER 1986

- 5- 7 MSNA, Sheraton Inn, Lanham MD
6- 7 Cumberland County Coin Club, Fayetteville NC, Charles Kimber
19-21 GENA, Cherry Hill Hyatt, Cherry Hill NJ
19-21 Tennessee State Fall Convention, Memphis TN, Richard Martin,
473-B High Point Tr., Memphis TN 38122
26-28 Virginia Numismatic Association, Hyatt House, Richmond VA

OCTOBER 1986

- 3- 5 NORTH CAROLINA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, Charlotte NC,
Ted Hendrick
11-12 Greensboro NC, Barry Cohen

NOVEMBER 1986

- 1- 1 Carolina Coin & Stamp Shows, Mission Valley Inn, Raleigh NC,
Ted Hendrick
1- 2 NVCC, Vienna VA
13-16 National Paper Money Convention, St. Louis MO, Kevin Foley,
Box 589, Milwaukee WI

DECEMBER 1986

- 4- 6 Commonwealth Coin Club, Sheraton Inn, Lanham MD

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- 26-28 A N A MIDWINTER CONVENTION, Charlotte NC

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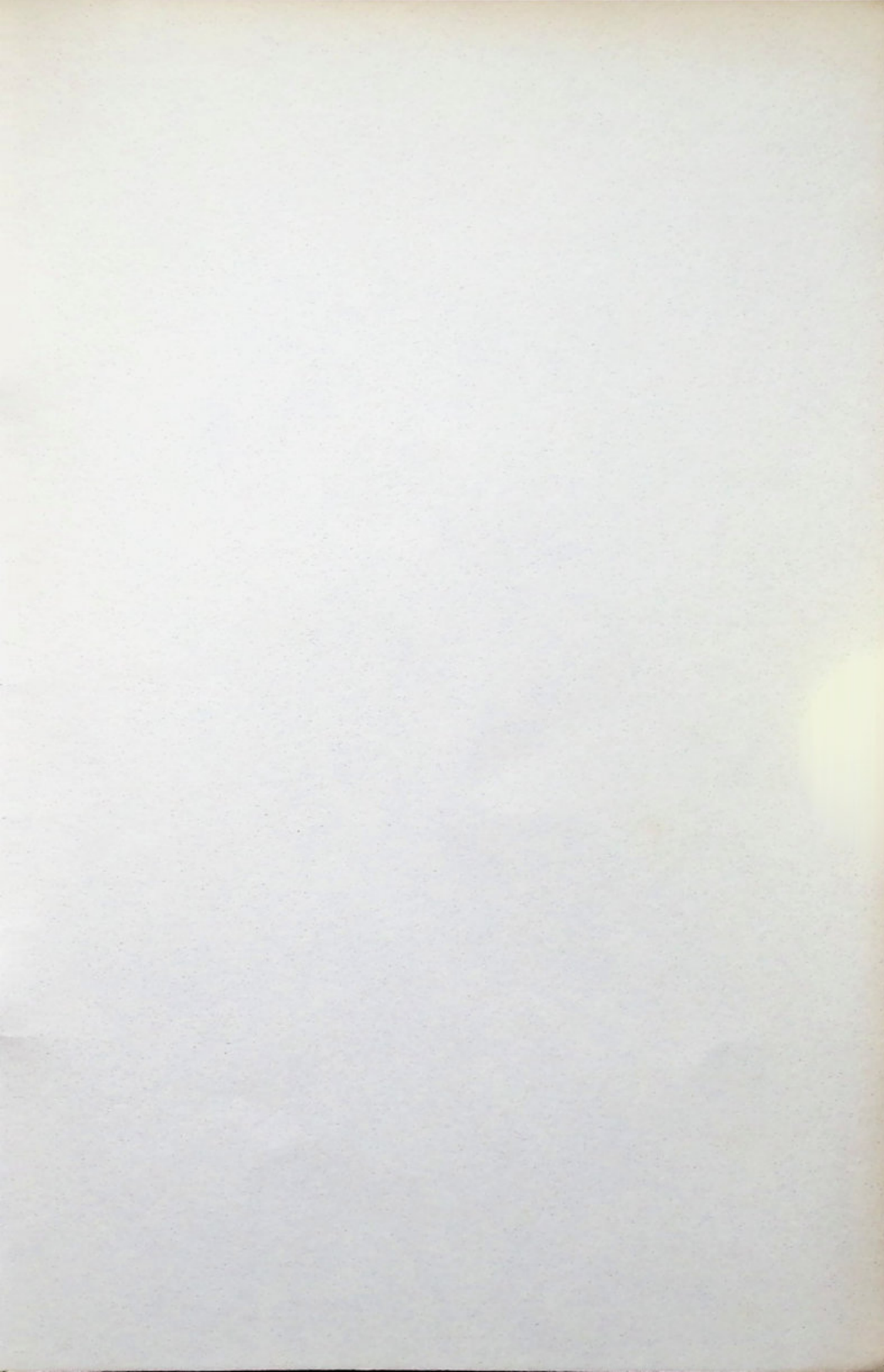


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